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Bishop Andrew Zeller

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Additional information on Gilberts, Zellers and Michaels would be appreciated.

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"With Joy Throughout"

The Gilbert Geneology by J. Wingate Thorton, commencing in the year of 1050 ending with William Gilbert, who came over from England on the Mary and John in 1630 and settled at Windsor Connecticutt.

There is a Historical propriety in introducing the name of Gilbert into the pages of the New England Register.

As no name is more honorable or intimately connected with American discoveries, geography and early history.

It stands conspicuous among the illustrious names such as Raleigh, Drake, Cavendish, Croswold, Hawkins and a host of Naval Worthies and with singular happiness is joined with the three first named in the above lineage as well as in the less tangible but generous relationship of mind.

THE FIRST ZELLERS IN AMERICA

Zeller Reunion:

Third Sunday of each June, Long's Grove-along Pennsylvania Route 422, two miles east of Myerstown, in the region where the first Zellers settled in Pennsylvania.

Two hundred and fifty-seven years have passed since Jacques Zeller and his wife, Lady Clothilde de Valois Zeller, as part of a courageous group of men and women from the Palatinate and Switzerland braved the perils of sea and forest to establish homes in a new land, where they might enjoy freedom without persecution.

They arrived in America in 1710, with their two sons, John Heinrich and John George Zeller. Since there is no record of Jacques Zeller as having lived in America, it is believed that he either died in England or at sea, as many of the group did die on the trip across the Atlantic.

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Here they established themselves, Clotilde de Valois Zeller and her son, John Heinrich Zeller and his family. It is thought that the other son, John George, remained in the Schoherie Valley until some years later, when he joined his mother and brother in Pennsylvania.

The Zeller home, Fort Zeller, built in 1745 by Clothilde's grandson, Heinrich Zeller II, was used by the community for protection against the Indians.

Fort Zeller still stands. The present owner, David Erb, shows many visitors through the historic buildings every year. It is located near the small towns of Myerstown, Newmanstown, and Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania.

The name of Gilbert is Saxton. It is written on the Roll of Battle Abby, T. Crilbard.

Richard Fitz Gilbert, a kinsman of William the Conquerers wife (Margaret Gilbert) and was a principal parsonage, was for his services advanced to great honors and possessions.

Richard Fitz Gilbert's son, Earl of Penbroke, died in 1149, leaving a son Richard Gilbert, surnamed, (Strong Bow), the Earls of Clare were of this lineage.

Robert De Gilbert was a testator to a deed of William De Verna, Earl of Devon, to the Church of Brunmor in King Johns reign in 1199-1216.

Gilbert De Thornton was the Kings agent at Law, 1261-1290 Chief Justice of the Kings Bench.

1060 Gilbert De Guant came with William the Conqueror.
1100 Gilbert was Archdeacon of Buckingham
1115 Gilbert of Saxon origin was a Citizen of London, Joined in the Crusades and was father of Thomas A. Becket
1148 Gilbert, Lord of Lempringham Linconshire founded the order of Culbertine Friars
1215 Gilbert Treasure of Lincolnshire
1240 Gilbert Arch Deacon of Stow.
1414 Robert Gilbert, S.T.P. Prebendary of Lincoln
1416 Prebend of Lincoln, Bishop of London
1487 Thomas Gilbert, L.L.D. Prebendary of London
1492 Thomas Gilbert Vicar General of Chelsea College

The Gilbert name is eminent in the annals of the Church, State and Learning of England through several centuries.

The Gilbert early and principal home is in Devonshire and from this stock issued many branches planted in other portions of the country. They owned lands in Manaton, in or near Dartmor in Edward the Confessors day from 1272-1307

West Cote who was born in Shobrook in Dunshire in 1557 and wrote his history of that country in 1630 says of Marledon on the River Darte, in a chapel built by the ancestors of the Gilberts, who have an ancient monument there, one of them lieth in the church with his wife, their proportions cut in stone.

He describes Greenway, the ancient seat of the Gilberts as very pleasantly and commodiously placed, with a most delightsome prospect to behold, the barks and boats to pass and repass upon the river flowing from Dartmouth to Totnes. This long continued in a family of much estimation.

The Gilberts, alias Jilberts of Knightly Rank, it is very anciently written Gislebert or Gerebert, as in the Conquerors Book of Surrey among the tenures of Devon.

This progeny have been divers of great desent and sufficiency, Gilber of Compton, Parish of Maridon, County of Devon.

Thomas Gilbert married Amy Lord. Jeppy Culbert married Jane or Joan, daughter and co-heir of William Compton of Compton Esq.

Egelina, daughter of Hugh Valetort of Tamerton Esq. as his second wife.

Noa Gilbert of Compton married Isabel daughter of William Crambon of Merston Esq.

Otho or Ostes Gilbert, Sheriff of Devon , married Elizabeth, daughter of John Hill of Shilston Esq.

Catharine Gilbert was the governess and confidant of Queen Elizabeth of England and who married Lord Ashley.

Sir John Gilbert was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1560 and died July 5, 1608 and was buried in Maridon Church.

Sir John Gilbert and his younger brother, Captain Raleigh Gilbert, were nephews of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Sir Walter Raleigh, who were half brothers.

Queen Elizabeths governess was Mrs. Kate Gilbert Ashley, to whom the Queen was much attatched, and she exercised a remarkable influence over the mind of her Royal pupil for good.

Kate Gilbert Ashley was aunt to Sir Humphrey Gilbert to whom Sir Walter Raleigh was an illustrious brother

Sir Humphrey Gilbert married to a relative of Ann Boleyn who was the wife of Henry the VIII and mother of Queen Elizabeth.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert had three brothers, Sir John, Sir Adrian, and Sir Walter Gilbert, a goodly company. These men were the premier investigators in peopling North America and Sir Walter Raleigh is considered founder of Virginia and introduced tobacco into England from Virginia.

On the Roll of Battle Abbey in the year 1067 the time the Normans conquered England, is the name of T. Gilbard which is to be T. Gilbers.

Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Knight, wrote a treatise on the North West Passage to the East Indies in 1566.

William Gilbert came over in the Mary and John in 1636 from England and settled at Windsor Connecticutt, where he possed a large grant of land. William Gilbert had four sons to whom he gave land and named their holdings

to Jonathan of Hatfield, Obadiah of Fairfield,and Josiah of Wethersfield,Thomas of Windsor who also had a grant of land in Springfield. These grants of land to the Gilbert brothers was all in Massachusetts.

Thomas Gilbert married Catharine Bliss a daughter of Nathaniel Bliss, May 31, 1665.

Thomas Gilbert had four children, Sarah Gilbert, born December 19,1655 and later married Samuel Field

John Gilbert born August 6, 1657 and married Hannah Canfield in 1695. He was a soldier in King Phillips War and was captured by the Indians in 1675-1676.

Thomas Gilbert born January, 1695, married Abilena Hansfield August 15, 1680.

Henry Gilbert, born January 1, 1661, married Elizabeth Belding.

John Gilbert had five children:

1. Thomas Gilbert, born April 7, 1696, married a German lady whose maiden name is not known.
2. Josiah Gilbert, born 1699
3. John Gilbert, born March, 1700
4. Frances Gilbert, born 1703, married John Keys.
5. Sarah Gilbert, born November 10, 1705

Thomas Gilbert, born 1696 was the father of Jeremiah Gilbert, born 1751 and married Magdalena Weaver, May9,1779 and had eight children:

1. Thomas, born February 10, 1780 in Massachusetts, died in Maryland
2. Elizabeth, born November 8, 1781 died in Maryland
3. Katharine, born October 13, 1784, died in Maryland
4. George, born October 2, 1786, died in Ohio
5. Hannah, born December 28, 1788, married Henry Jundy, died in Ohio.
6. Jeremiah, born January, 11, 1791, died while young in Maryland
7. Sophia, born April 23, 1792, married John Stone, buried in Ohio

Jeremiah Gilbert married for his second wife, Zipporah Powell, August 27, 1793. She was the daughter of Caleb Powell of New York, who served five years in the ambulance corps in the Revolutionary War

Jeremiah Gilbert received from his father a large body of land. He was evidently not a farmer and did carpenter work instead. He sold the land at much less than it's value and bought a homestead at more than he should have built extravagantly. His debts were more than the money available and he was declared a bankrupt. Jeremiah Gilbert, being an active member of the Dunkard Church, refused to swear that he had no money, because of religious reasons, and was put in jail for 18 months, in Maryland.

Jeremiah Gilbert and Zippora Powell Gilbert had the following family:

1. Reuben, born June 1, 1794, lived three miles north of Germantown, Ohio and drown in the Miami River.
2. Jeremiah, born June 30, 1795, died when young man
3. William, born August 1, 1796 died in Missouri in 1882.
4. Isaac, born April 5, 1798, died near Farmersville, Ohio, August 1866 but raised 28 children
5. James, born March 10, 1800, died January 6, 1882 at Germantown, Ohio.

This James Gilbert, as his record will show, inherited that spark of greatness that was prevalent in his ancestors for hundreds of years and we will later show you.

6. Sarah Gilbert, born February 28, 1801 married Danl Perry, burried near Goshen, Indiana.
7. Rhoda, born January 24, 1803, married Christena Larshman, died at New Paris, Indiana.
8. Mary (called Polly) born February 17, 1805, married Edsmond Kauk, died at Charleston, Indiana, October 29, 1886.
9. Died during infancy
10. John, born May 23, 1807, died in Indiana
11. Joseph, born February 10, 1810 died in Indiana in 1873.
12. Lydia, born November 1812, married Peter Lease and died near Syracuse, Ind.
13. Benjamine, born June 10, 1813, died at Lexington, Indiana.
14. Elizabeth, born April 30, 1816.
15. Solomon, born April 5, 1818. He and his family lived near Dayton, Ohio They were drunkards and visited fathers home, they were good and prosperous looking and were inclined to red hair.

James Gilbert who is Number five on the above list, was born at Boonsborong, Maryland, died at Germantown, Ohio January 6, 1882 of pneumonia, I remember him while in his retirement sitting in a rocking chair lustily singing the church hymns and reading the Bible. He was only able to attend three months of school. He had a strong built body and at the age of 17 years, he went to an adjoining town and learned wagon making trade. When at 23 years of age he traded a wagon and the wood work of another which he had made and a note of $80.00 for a farm in south west Ohio.

There were no laid out roads over the mountains and "crost" rivers and through the woods from Maryland to Ohio so he walked the 500 miles to see the farm. It was level, fertile, all in woods but 10 acres. There was a small log house back in the woods. This was before roads were surveyed out. After walking back to Maryland and talking with the Girl he liked, she refused to go the 500 miles from her home with him.

James Gilbert did not hesitate. He built a one horse wagon. His sister Mary (called Polly) went with him to Ohio, which was out west in those days. She is Number 8 on the family list above. Building wagons in his wagon building shop on the farm and clearing land, in two years he was able to build a nice brick home of two stories and eight rooms and a large fireplace. This house cost him $600 and was taken down in 1888 by his son, who wanted a fine brick home for his bride.

There was a girl living with her parents, only a mile from the shop, whose name was Sarah Zeller (called Polly) daughter of John and Christiana Shuey Zeller. She became my grandmother by marrying James Gilbert in 1828. The wedding was performed by her grandfather, Bishop Andrew Zeller of the United Brethren Church. I have pictures showing the Bishop, not so large in build, neat appearance, wore long hair, looked prosperous. The enlarged pictures of the Bride and Groom, show strong build, very substantial personalitied, pleasant, friendly. Prayed in German at family worship, sang the church hymns with pleasure and lead many to join the church and lead good wholesome lives. They had benches on the porch to carry to the living room for church services. Eight of their grandchildren had Medical Degrees. James and Sally Gilbert raised four boys and three daughters.

1. Cyrus Gilbert, born May 17, 1832, married Mary Myers of near Dayton, Ohio. Cyrus died in 1902.
2. Lorina Culbert (my mother) March 1835 married Joshua Michael from Fredric, Maryland in 1855.
   Joshua Michael, born August 29,1829-1923.
   Lorina Culbert, born November 1835-1916
3. Sarah, born January 16, 1840, married Abraham Swartsel of Farmersville.
4. John Allen, born August 15, 1837, married Lucinda Shank of Liberty, Ohio on October 3, 1831. They owned the adjoining farm to his father but moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1868 and bought an acreage on West Third Street, being number 1228 built brick homes on the acreage during the years and had a coal yard and building supply and later sold the coal yard property for $75.000
5. James, born November 12, 1844, married Anna Rohrer.
6. Candace, born December 3, 1841, married Bishop S. L. Livingston.
7. Oliver, born August 26, 1848, married Dora Leisure of near Dayton, Ohio.

James Gilbert and Sarah (Sallie) were married in 1828 after his return trip from Maryland to Ohio. She was a farm girl only a mile from James Gilbert's farm and wagon making shop. She was a wonderful young lady and had a number of important relatives.

I think that you would be interested in knowing more of these relatives that were associates of Zwigli,the Lutherans and others, leaders in the Protestant Movement, when many of their associates were murdered for their religious beliefs. It is estimated, four million French Huguenots were killed.

The first information we have of these relatives is 955 A.D. in regard to Capellam Cella in Parochia Kurippe Sitem, showing the chapel of Zell, was in the pariah of Rab, upper Austria amomg the native tribes.

1130-1200 Lord Otto De Cella
1250-Herbot De Cella
1275-Heinrich and wife Elizabeth Von Zell
1300-Conrad Von Zeller
1307- Chunrat Der Zeller was knighted for military service and had the castle Riedan.
1362-Sthepham Zeller living at Castellan, Fortress and Kleister of Newberg, because of religious persecution they moved in the year 1387. Christian Zeller settled in Galen, Switzerland.
1469- was granted citizenship in Zurich, Switzerland.
1519- Stephan Zeller was elected to the Great Council of Zurich where he was associated with the leaders of the Hugenots-Lutherans and others of the Protestant Movement.

Stephen Zeller, by the Great Council of Zurich, was elected official censor, to determine which pictures should be removed from the churches.

1530-Stephen Zeller was captain of the Swiss Confederates serving under the Duke James DeMedioi.
1584-Stephen Zeller II (son of the above) was judge and member of the Great Council of Zurich.
1600-Heinrich, son of Stephen Zeller, was preacher, professor in the University of Zurich, Judi moderator and pastor of the Cathedral of Zurich, Switzerland.

It is hard for us now living to realize the amount of killing of human beings and suffering in the name of religion. Lady Clothilda De Valois Zeller, a Hugenot, was a relative of Henery II, (1551-1589), last of the Valois Kings of France, who was stabbed to death by Jaques Clements, a Dominican Friar, all in the name of Christianity. In 1809 Hans Heinrich (or 1609) Zeller in Zurich Switzerland, took the chair of the protestant leader Zwigley, after he was killed. It was almost sure death for Zeller to do this. Many millions of Hugenots left France for religious freedom from Rome; the Zeller family was one of these. Their ancestry since 955 A.D. when we first had a record of them, was the Chapel of Zell in Parochia of Rab upper Austria, among the native tribes. They evidently got their religion and religious beliefs from the early Disciples of the Christian religion, which was not contaminated by the Roman World. The Zeller family were leaders in this movement. They, with their families and 15 other families, came to Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1723. They were associated with William Penn in having friendly relations with the Indians but after 22 years, because of fear the Indians might cause a massacre, they built Fort Zeller, but it was never used. Indians were plentiful in Ohio. When they left Pennsylvania in 1755 for Ohio, the Shawnee tribe was on Shawnee Creek where it empties into Big Twin Creek at Germantown, Ohio only three miles from their farm.

Bishop Andrew Zeller was born in 1755 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1779 he married Catharine Forrer, Bishop Zeller died at Germantown, Ohio in 1839. Bishop Andrew and Catharine Forrer Zeller had the following children:

1. Catharine- Married Crider, born 1780
2. John Zeller- 1781-1861
3. Elizabeth Kemp
4. George Zeller- 1785
5. Michael Zeller- 1788-1838
6. Andrew Zeller- 1791-1864
7. Barbara Zeller Zearing- 1795- 1846
8. Christina Zeller Kumler- 1798- 1868
9. Mary Zeller Antrim- 1800-1859

Many families proudly trace back to the above numbers, in church leadership, finance, education, industry, all were friendly and reliable. They were leaders.

We are thankful to Mrs. Marcella Miller, 512 West Centerville Road, Dayton 59, Ohio for assisting in the Zellar early geneology. She was one of the leading school teachers of Montgomery County, Ohio. Her mother was Abby Zeller.

1609–Hans Heinrich Zeller(son of the above) born in Zurich and inherited the labors of his father and held the same chair that was held by Zwigley, who was one of the great early leaders of the Protestant Church.

1637–Rudolf Zeller, son of hans Heinrich II was born in Zurich. He was Court Preacher to the counts- Palatine and Zwerbrucken, preaching to large congregations of Huguenots.

1656–Johannes, born brother to Rudolf, died in 1669, was preacher in Rheinpfals. His younger brother, Jacob, born in 1639 was appointed Royal Preacher in 1664 by the Bishop of Sendon and was made Rector of Saint Andrews, Jamaica, West Indies. His first cousin Heinrich Zeller was court Preacher to the Holland Embassy at Ragensburg (Ratisbon on the Danube) the capitol of the Holy Roman Empire.

1696–Hans Rudolf Zeller died. His son was Jaques Zeller, born in 1660.

Jaques Zellar was born in Zurich Switzerland in 1660, and married in 1682. Jaques Zeller married Lady Clothilda DeVelois, a French Hugenot, Noblewoman. The Velois family ruled in France from 1328 to 1589. Because of religious persecution and unrest in France, Switzerland and adjoining countries, they crossed the English Channel and by a special act of the Parliament of Great Britain, under Queen Ann dated A.D. 1709, they became neutralized citizens of Great Britain in 1710.

Jaques Zeller in coming to America in 1710 died at sea, leaving Lady Clothilda DeVelois with two sons. One, John Heinrich Zeller born in France in 1684, served in the campaign against Canada in 1711 in the province of New York, in the service of Queen Ann.

1684–John Heinrich, son of the above, Jaques and Lady Clothilda DeVeloise, was born in France. He married Anna Maria Berigal, daughter of James Berigal Von Breugal of Holland.

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1765–John Heinrich Zeller died in Berks County, Pennsylvania. During his very active life, he lived in France, Holland, England, Schohere Valley, New York and at Fort Zeller along the Swatara Creek, Pennsylvania.

One of the sons of John Heinrich and Anna Maria Berigal Zeller was, John George Zeller, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1732. In 1753 he married Maria Barbara Hass near Fort Zeller. He died in 1792. One of his sons was (Bishop) Andrew Zeller, born in 1755, and migrated over the mountains to Montgomery County, Ohio.

1805-Bishop Andrew Zeller founded the first United Brethren Church west of the Allegheny Mountains, on his farm two miles north of Germantown, Ohio, on Little Twin Creek. This was before there were established roads. People came out of the forest, walking, horse back, farm wagons, and few carriages.

Bishop Andrew Zeller was busy going horseback over the joining states, establishing new churches and conferences. The Otterbein University, Bonbrake Seminary, and the U.B. Publishing House that grew 15 stories high. I have his picture,not a large man, pleasant, energetic, neat, more long hair.

1789-John Zeller, son of Bishop Andrew and Catharine Forrer Zeller, was born in Berks County,Pennsylvania, on July 10, 1781, he died January 13, 1861 and is buried in Germantown, Ohio Cemetary. He married first, Christina Shuey, 1780-1843. His second wife was named Mary, 1791-1861.

John and Christina Shuey Zeller had the following children:
Andrew 1804-1848
John 1808-1867
George 1811-1864

Sarah Gilbert (my Grandmother) was born 1813-1889.

Mary (Zearing) 1821-1894
Elizabeth (Rev. Baker 1823-1861
Christina (Huffman) David Zeller-Henry Zeller

Sarah (Sally) Gilbert is the daughter of John Zeller and Christina Shuey Zeller and married James (Jimmy) Gilbert. This marriage of the Gilberts and the Zellers brought together people of the same educational and Christian habits, as you have learned by reading their ancestry. I thought you would like to know about them.

James Gilbert, the wagon making boy, walking 500 miles between Maryland and Ohio before there were roads, gave an estimated $140,000 to his seven children, gave endowment money to the church college and seminary, help build four churches and lived a model life and gave his last retirement home as a parsonage (it was a good home) to the Germantown, Ohio U.B. Church.

Lorina Gilbert, daughter of James and Sally Gilbert, was born March, 1835. She died in 1816, in Ohio.

Joshua Michael, born August 29, 1829, died September 1923. He was born in Fredric County, Maryland and buried at Germantown, Ohio. This Joshua Michael came from a good family of the Reform Church and fit in the religious Gilbert and Zeller family in fine shape.

Joshua Michael came to Ohio in 1854 with a cousin, Joshua Somersm to visit other cousins, and with them went, went to a country farm sale. Lorina Gilbert was there and ended poor Joshua as far as other girls were concerned. He reserved the right to return to Maryland and explain to a Miss Manda Kinney. He worked it out and was married in 1855 to Lorina Gilbert. They lived on the same farm 62 years and had an upper and lower farm besides.

Joshua and LoVina Michael needed lots of room, for at Christmas time there were usually 75 for a week. So the brick home he built, needed to be large and much food needed providing for them. There were many visitors. There was a large relationship and friends through the year on long visits. There were 16 regular members in the family besides visitors for a number of years. Joshua and Vorina Gilbert Michael had twelve children. During family worship he thanked God for the family he had given them and asked God to keep them as if it were under the hollow of his hand, and we should leave the world better than we found it. We should put on the full armor of God, fight our battles manfully that all may know we had been with Christ and learned from him. He prayed that the minister be strong with power from above, that many be won for Christ.

Six grandchildren were in the church college (Otterbein) at one time. Many other relatives and friends of the family were there.

In 1854 Joshua Michael came to Ohio, part way by train, part by stage coach. He was raided near Fredric, Maryland. His mothers maiden name was Stone and hes father was a rather large slave owner and he have his daughter, colored James and Diana for a wedding gift. Joshua said he was as glad to see them on return trips as some of the relation. The slaves were all given their freedom, $250.00 and a horse.

Joshua and LoVina Michael liked to dress well, especially Joshua. He wanted the best of everything. His clothes were tailor made always more white stiff bosom shirts and black bow ties, earlier in life, a plug hat and had a gold head cane, fancy vest, wore long black beard, gold watch, stately walk, erect posture. For family transportation he had a two horse vehicle made that held twelve people. Later, surries, buggies, runabouts and Jaguars for family use.

While living 62 years on the same farm, Joshua helped build two churches called Little Twin Chapel.

His father furnished school teachers and has a building in which to hold school attended by cousins and neighbors, colored children as well, in Maryland.

Joshua Michael tought his twelve children that if any desired, they should be sent to college, and they about all had the desire. Music for the girls, Dr. degrees for the boys. Two girls taught music. There was an organ and piano in the home and lots of music, vocal and instrumental.

Joshua Michael's mother was of the Stone family of Maryland and on very good authority. She is of the same lineage as the two governors of Maryland, named Stone who were decendants of war-like Germans called Lombards, who had settles in Panmonia (south of the present Austrian Empire) by invitation of Justinian in 540. In 568 they passed over the Alps into the fertile plain of northern Italy under their king, Albion. The Lombards conquered much of Italy and the Lombard Kingdom of Italy continued for two hundred years until conquered by Charlemaigne in 770 A.D. In later years, some of these Lombard Germans made their way to America.

These Germans liked the religious freedom of Maryland and located in that state and fought and some died for freedom of religion and person which they so desired.

We should mention one very important character more specific; LoVina Gilbert Michael who was able to capture the dashing young man from Maryland at one glance. She was strong built, never had time to be sick. She assisted community children to arrive in the proper way, acknowledged by all as an expert cook, supervised a large garden of proper vegetables, taught her family excellent food habits that are still practiced by many of them.

Six brothers and one sister of Joshua Michael, her husband, died with cancer. None in the families of Lorina Michael or her mothers families, whose diets were high in vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread, mush from whole corn, milk, sauerkraut, butter-honey, some meat, but not as much as in Joshuas family. There was no like or dislike for food. Each one ate what was prepared and no dislike of this or that.

Lorina read the lesson in family worship, taught Sunday School Class from girlhood, read all of the church literature, most of it edited by her cousins, the Shueys.

The girls of her family were taught to be well dressed, neat and clean. Beside the twelve children, there are 98 great and great,great grandchildren. Her grand children all requested to go to grandma's and remember the abundance and quality of food and other attractions for young people.

We might record among the friends and relatives to visit the Joshua and Lorina Gilbert Michael home, such names as Bishop Wright and the Wright Brothers. An aunt said the boys had better stay with their bicycle business. There were Bishops of the church. J. Allen Gilbert, a cousin, noted doctor and philosopher, who had many college degrees with a group of other scientists had a pass word and annual meetings so they that died might send messages back and they have all died, no messages. Houdini was one of this group. This caused much news paper publicity during the years. There were Grand Opera singers, church organizers and builders, eight with Dr. degrees, college presidents and choral leaders of international repute, P.H.D. and many degrees, a number with foreign degrees.

One boy that became famous was going to stay on a summer visit and were a Lord Fontleroy Suite! It rained during the night his parents brought him to visit. The sheep were wet. I got him to ride the sheep in the morning and his beautiful suit was ruined. It so irritated his mother that he was taken along home when they left. I was admonished and was told that I should not do such things. It was the Lord Fontleroy suit that was the trouble. I wore shirt and pants. He was older by two years than I. He later became head of the National Cash Register Company, after graduating from the Eastern College of Rome Italy. His brother had the Gilbert early history worked out while he was a student at Oxford, England in 1900.

The children of the Joshua and Lorina Michael family were named as follows:

Franklin B. 9/29/1856-1953 Married Louise Leis December 17,1886 -1938

Amanda Jane B.5/22/1858-2/15/1813 Married Melanchtone Sanner 1/6/1881

Sarah Catherine B.7/5/1859-11/1/1857 Married Chas. Coffman 1/6/1881

Mary Ellen B. 10/6/1860-4/23/1958 Married Chas E. Judy 10/6/1885

Candace Victoria B. 7/24/1862-12/5/1887 Married Harry Swoheart 1/27/1885

Flora Alice B. 5/30/1864-5/25/1836 Married Calvin Fouts 10/6/1885

Angeline Lorina B. 8/30/1866-8/1/1891 Unmarried

John Clandius B. 12/27/1868-12/20/1855 Unmarried

Walter Joshua B. 12/3/1871-3/3/1952 Married Jennie Eby 1/26/1898-1950

Eva B. 1/24/1875 Married Frank Harvin 11/27/1899

Victor E. B. 7/27/1877 Married Opha Clawson 11/22/1904-1960

Zora Mand B. 3/29/1879 Married Ray Williamson 11/16/1906

Wife of Frank Michael, son of Joshua, named Louise died in 1938

Lady Clothilde de Valois Zeller

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